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Export and Import of Cardamom and Cashew
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

a) the quantum of Cardamom, and Cashew exported and imported during each of the last three years and the current year;
b) whether the Government has conducted any research to increase the per hectare production of Cashew during the said period; and
c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)
(a): The quantum of Cardamom (Small & Large) and Cashew exported and imported during each of the last three years and the current year (April-August) is at Annexure-1.

(b) & (c): Research on cashew for increasing per hectare production of cashew is conducted by the Directorate of Cashew Research (DCR), Puttur, Karnataka and All India Coordinated Research Centers on Cashew (AICRP) in various cashew growing states under the supervision of Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR). Some of the notable research achievements made by the Centers for increasing production of cashew are as under:-

1. Total of 38 high yielding varieties of cashew have been released so far from DCR and AICRP centers suitable for cultivation at different agro climatic conditions.
2. Techniques for commercial propagation of cashew by soft wood grafting has been standardized for quality planting material production.
3. Plant canopy management and top working was standardized for enhancing yield performance.
4. High density planting technology has been standardized.
5. Integrated pest management technologies for the control of major pests of cashew viz. cashew steam and root borer, tea mosquito bug have been developed.

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Annexure 1

Statement showing Export and Import Figures of Cardamom (Small & Large) and Cashew during the last three years and the current year (April-August).

Cardamom (Small)
Quantity in MT.

Year	Export	Import
2012-13	2372	495
2013-14	3600	1110
2014-15 (P)	3795	2285
2015-16 (E)		
(Apr- Aug)	1475	350

(P) Provisional (E) Estimate

Cardamom (Large)
Quantity in MT.

Year	Export	Import
2012-13	1,217	3895
2013-14	1,110	3705
2014-15 (P)	665	2750
2015-16 (E)		
(Apr- Aug)	105	1200

(P) Provisional (E) Estimate

Cashew

Quantity in MT.

Year	Export	Import
2012-13	1,04,092	8,98,521
2013-14	1,20,737	7,76,334
2014-15 (P)	1,34,567	9,40,813
2015-16 (April-Aug)	42,348	6,47,653

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